

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action dated April 18, 2007, Applicants have amended claim 1 to incorporate the features of claim 18, which has been canceled. Applicants note with appreciation the indication that claim 18 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, as the features of claim 18 have been incorporated into independent claim 1, it is respectfully submit that claim 1 and all claims depending therefrom are in condition for allowance. In this regard, it is respectfully requested that all withdrawn claims be rejoined as depending from an allowable claim.

Having fully responded to all matters raised in the Office Action, Applicants submit that all claims are in condition for allowance, an indication for which is respectfully solicited. If there are any outstanding issues that might be resolved by an interview or an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is requested to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number shown below.

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To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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